GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:564
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2000
CAUVERY WATER DISPUTE
MANI SHANKAR AIYAR

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cauvery River Authority was established under his Chairmanship in August 1998;

(b) the number of weeks since then in which the actual flow of Cauvery waters to the Mettur reservoir has approximated to within 1 tmc less or more than the weekly flow stipulated in the schedule annexed to the interim award of the Cauvery Tribunal;

(c) the percentage of shortfall, week-wise in the actual flows compared to the stipulated flows during the four crucial months of the Kuruval agricultural season, June to September, in the calendar years 1999 and 2000;

(d) the percentage of excess supplies week-wise in the actual flows compared to the stipulated flows during the period of the North-East monsoon, October to December, in the calendar year 1999, as also in the months of September and October, 2000 after the harvesting of the bulk of the Kuruval crop; and

(e) whether Government propose to request the Hon'ble Supreme Court to resume its hearings in the light of the manifest failure of the Cauvery River Authority to ensure the implementation week by week of the weekly schedule stipulated in the interim award of the Cauvery Tribunal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) the Cauvery River Authority was established under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister in August, 1998.

(b) to (e) Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal in its interim order of June 25, 1991 has directed the State of Karnataka to release water from its reservoirs in Karnataka so as to ensure that 205.TMC of water is available in Tamil Nadu's Mettur reservoir in ayear from June to May. It has further directed that Stateof Karnataka shall regulate the release of water in a particular monthly pattern. In respect of particular month, the releases are to be made in four equal instalments. If in a particular week, it is not possible to release the required quantum of water, the said deficit shall be made good in the subsequent week. The Tribunal has further clarified in December, 1995 that their order dated 25th June, 1991 clearly spells out that the deficiency in a particular week has to be made good in a subsequent week and not necessarily within a particular month in which the deficit occurs. Until the deficit is made good, the deficit would accumulate. In a particular year, shortfall or excess in releases would have to be adjusted in an appropriate manner before the close of the particular season. The Cauvery River Authority was constituted to give effect to the implementation of the Order of 1991 and all subsequent related orders of the Tribunal. The weekly inflow at Mettur reservoirs vis-Ã -vis required flows as per CWDT interim order during the Calendar year 1999 and 2000 are given in attached Statement. The Cauvery River Authority has so far held two meetings and the Cauvery Monitoring Committee has held six meetings.

WEEKLY FLOWS 1999(TMC)

Month	Stipulated Flows in Mettur Reservoir As per CWDT Interim Order	Actual flows in Mettur Reservoir (informed by Tamil Nadu Govt.)
JUNE		
I	2.371	1.211
II	2.371	2.865
III	2.371	1.283
IV	3.048	5.077
Monthly Total	10.161	10.436
JULY		
I	9.655	0.989
II	9.655	0.956
III	9.655	4.271

WEEKLY FLOWS 2000(TMC)

Month	Stipulated Flows in Mettur Reservoir As per CWDT Interim Order	Actual flows in Mettur Reservoir (As informed by Tamil Nadu Govt.)
JUNE		
I	2.371	1.316
II	2.371	0.502
III	2.371	0.217
IV	3.048	1.406
TOTAL	10.16	3.934
JULY		
I	9.655	4.348
II	9.655	3.781
III	9.655	7.502

IV	13.794	17.894	IV	13.794	2.357
Monthly Total	42.759	24.110	TOTAL	42.76	17.277
AUGUST			AUGUST		
I	12.356	19.829	I	12.356	7.202
II	12.356	23.968	II	12.356	3.487
III	12.356	6.669	III	12.356	3.487
IV	17.652	5.413	IV	17.652	25.069
Monthly Total	54.720	55.879	TOTAL	54.72	39.244
SEPTEMBER			SEPTEMBER		
I	6.851	3.279	I	6.851	10.075
II	6.851	2.026	II	6.851	10.569
III	6.851	0.884	III	6.851	12.640
IV	8.808	4.017	IV	8.808	23.978
Monthly Total	29.361	10.206	TOTAL	29.36	59.453
OCTOBER			OCTOBER		
I	6.813	13.807	I	6.813	31.594
II	6.813	9.313	II	6.813	38.540
III	6.813	11.958	III	6.813	15.287
IV	9.732	46.874	IV	9.732	28.827
Monthly Total	30.171	81.952	TOTAL	30.17	114.247
NOVEMBER			NOVEMBER		
I	3.745	12.657	I	3.745	6.645
II	3.745	6.415			
III	3.745	4.765			
IV	4.815	15.590			
Monthly Total	16.050	39.427			
DECEMBER					
I	2.342	6.071			
II	2.342	4.490			
III	2.342	4.196			
IV	3.345	5.325			
Monthly Total	10.371	20.082			
TOTAL	193.593	242.092	SUB TOTAL	167.171	234.155